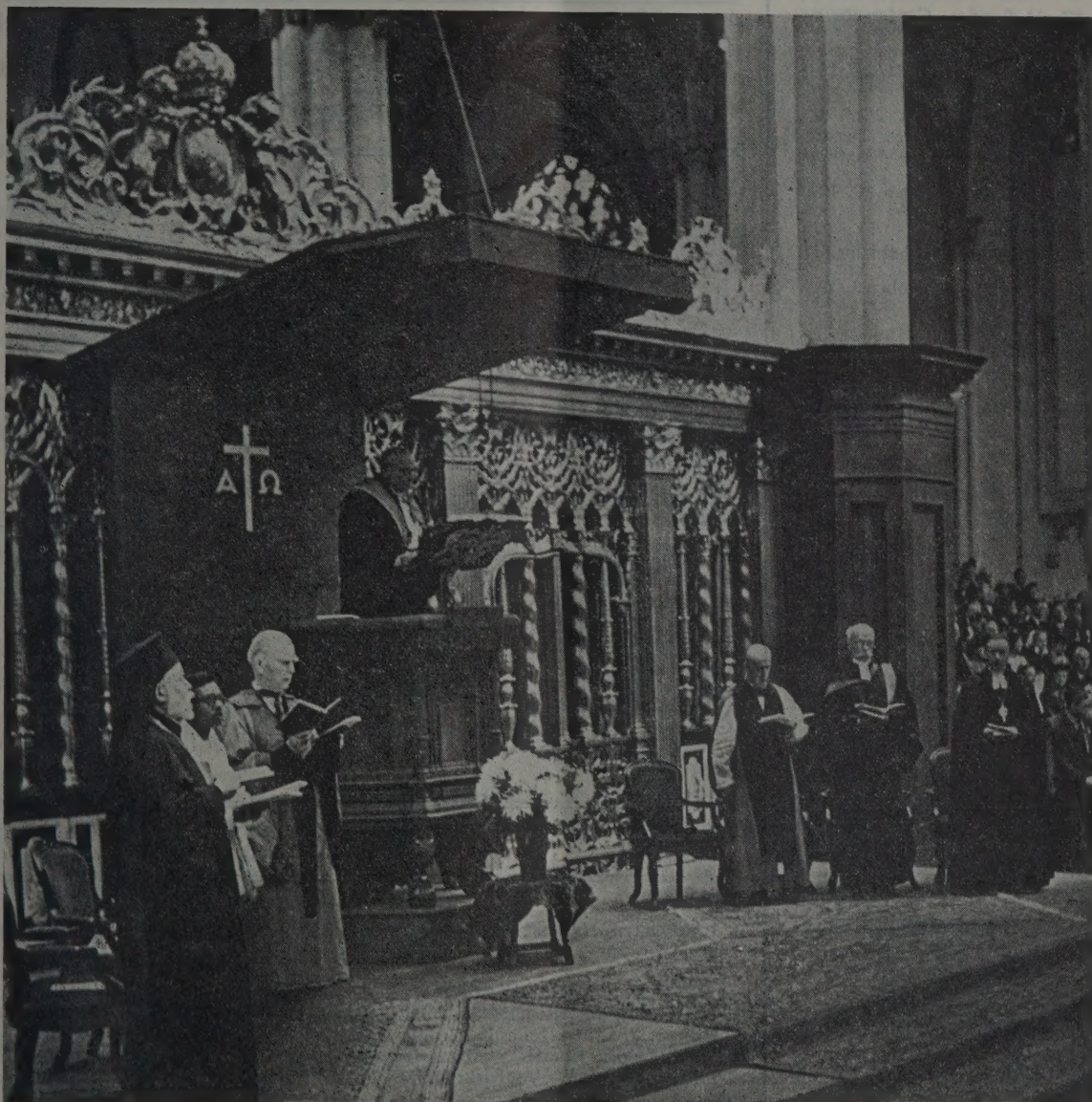


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The Editorial Outlook



PHILADELPHIA 1908 AND AMSTERDAM 1948

AMONG the memorable experiences at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam last summer two stand out as symbolic of its significance. The first was when, at the opening business session on August 23, a formal resolution declared that the World Council "is hereby officially constituted." A hush of silence fell over the assembly, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving that God had thus led 150 churches of more than 40 countries into this act of fellowship with one another. The second unforgettable experience was when, at the closing business session on September 4, the Message of the Assembly to the Churches declared, "We intend to stay together."

From the standpoint of arresting public utterance, perhaps there was nothing at Amsterdam that will be remembered as long or quoted as much as the Jerusalem message of 1928 or the Edinburgh "Affirmation of Christian Unity" of 1937. But the meaning of Amsterdam lies in what it was and did, not in what it said. The great thing that marks off Amsterdam as having a significance far beyond that of any other ecumenical conferences is that it brought the World Council of Churches into existence. No longer is it "in process of formation"; it now *is*. For the first time in Christian history the churches are bound together in a permanent association on a world-wide scale, with a common instrument of world-wide cooperation.

To this consummation many historic factors have contributed. From one angle, the missionary movement has been the most important. For it is the missionary impulse which has produced a Christian community that reaches around the world, embracing people of diverse races and nations. Without the missionary contribution there would be today no church to which the description of "ecumenical" would really be applicable. From another angle, the contribution of the movement of church federation has been the most important. For it is the impulse to Christian unity that has made churches which were isolated from one another dissatisfied with their isolation and impelled them to develop

channels of fellowship and cooperation.

In the contribution from the side of cooperative fellowship and unity, it has been the privilege of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to play a pioneer role. As the first national embodiment of the principle of federation in the life of separated churches, it has furnished a pattern of organization which is now being followed on a world-wide scale. The genius of this pattern is that the churches—even though they recognize themselves as still having serious differences—are so aware of an underlying unity of Christian faith and life that they covenant with one another to live together in a continuous fellowship instead of in isolation, to support and help each other in tasks which they all share, and to seek together the larger unity which Christ desires for His Church.

When the Federal Council meets in its biennial session in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 1-3, it will celebrate its fortieth anniversary. Since its initial meeting in Philadelphia in 1908 it has been a living illustration of the measure of the Christian unity that is possible through inter-church cooperation. During those forty years there has been a great extension of this pattern. It is reflected in the hundreds of local and state-wide councils of churches in our own country, and also in national councils in several other countries. Now, after forty years, which is a short time in the history of the Church, the same pattern finds a global expression in the World Council of Churches.

The parallelism of pattern between the Federal Council and the World Council becomes even more conspicuous when the nature of the two is examined in greater detail. For example—

1. In both cases it is the churches, as churches, which are the responsible bodies. The units which are joined together are neither individual Christians nor denominational boards and agencies, but the churches themselves in their full corporate life. It is a council of *churches* with which we have to do.

2. In both cases the freedom and diversity which are our precious legacy from the past are preserved. The official constitutions of the Federal Council and of the World Council make it equally clear that no new ecclesiastical authority

is created and that there is no thought of a centralized administration of church life after the pattern of Rome. It is a *council* of churches—not a super-Church—with which we have to do.

3. In both cases the basis of unity is a common faith in the deity of Jesus Christ and a desire to exalt His lordship in every aspect of life. Neither the Federal Council nor the World Council is to be thought of as a humanitarian association for worthy social ends, however important these may be. Neither the Federal Council nor the World Council is to be understood as an organization for promoting morality—not even the supreme ethics of Jesus. The central genius of both Councils is a united witness to Jesus Christ as the incarnate Word of God. This was expressed forty years ago in the Federal Council's constitution and now in the constitution of the World Council as accepted at Amsterdam.

AN APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL STAMP

A SPECIAL postage stamp was not needed to remind the American people of the heroic sacrificial death at sea of the four chaplains who gave their life-belts to their men and went down themselves. Though memory is short, it holds what touches life most poignantly.

Its magnificent heroism would have been enough to engrave the event in our hearts. But its significance was even deeper. It was positive and convincing proof of the faith that the chaplains professed. The deed matched their word in complete commitment. They were more than exponents of high ideals. They were exemplars of an interpretation of life in time and eternity that gives it essential and ultimate meaning as anchored in God. In consequence, the insignia of every chaplain has more meaning to the men.

Such an event is truly historical. It is appropriate that it should be commemorated in a stamp. The Post Office Department is to be commended for recognizing its significance and helping to impress it more generally in the minds of all.

GAMBLING GAMES IN CHURCHES

ENCOURAGING news comes from Miami, Florida, in a Religious News Service report. Churches and religious, fraternal, civic and patriotic groups in that city have been called upon

by City Manager O. P. Hart to end gambling carried on in the name of charity.

At the same time, according to the report Police Chief Walter E. Headley warned that racket elements were infiltrating into bingo and slot machine games and were taking in a percentage of the profits.

Even more interesting is the reason attributed to Mr. Hart and Mr. Headley for making their request. They said that bingo and slot machines even while conducted by reputable groups "tended to create the gambling instinct among young and old."

Mr. Hart is said to have offered the use of the football stadium and other municipal centers for the staging of entertainment in lieu of gambling.

The action of these public servants will doubtless be unpopular in some quarters. It will be criticized as being narrow-minded. We welcome their action and call it to the attention of church groups in states where proposals to legalize bingo under church auspices are being debated.

ETERNAL GOD WHOSE SEARCHING EYE DOETH SCAN

(An Ecumenical Hymn by E. McNeill Poteat)

Eternal God whose searching eye doth scan
Ages and climes no limits can confine;
Broaden thy vistas in the eyes of man
Till he shall share the vision that is thine.

Help him to see the kingdoms of thy Son
Wider than nation, deeper still than race;
Chasten his joy in meagre vict'ries won
Stablish his goings in a broader place.

Brighten the light that shines upon his day,
Gird with thy love the weakness of his creeds;
Teach him to trust his fellows in the way;
Give him the faith that conquers and concedes.

Strike from his soul the fetters of his fears;
Level the barriers of the narrow mind;
Advance thy church throughout the coming years
Wide as the world and broad as human kind.

The Amsterdam Assembly in Review

By JOHN OLIVER NELSON

BUSTLING, bicycle-filled Amsterdam was on the eve of celebrating the abdication of Queen Wilhelmina and the crowning of Juliana when the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches began on August 22, and the joyous festivities had not ended when the Assembly was over on September 4. It was an exciting setting for the exciting event. The great opening worship service took place under the stately arches of the mediaeval Nieuwe Kerk, where speakers appeared against the background of a massive brass roodscreen, and where the chorales were sung tri-lingually with hearty fervor. The opening discourses were by John R. Mott, and lithe, dark Dr. T. Niles of India. Thousands of waiting Amsterdammers crowded the square outside the church to catch glimpses of the stately ecclesiastical procession of archbishops, patriarchs, moderators, and other church dignitaries. Seats were all assigned in the church. Americans greeted friends unexpectedly throughout the cosmopol-

itan throng as the Assembly got under way.

Next day at the Concertgebouw (Concert Hall) in another section of the city, business sessions of the Assembly began. The Archbishop of Canterbury was the first presiding officer, at a table on the stage where each of the confessional groups was represented. Behind that fern-banked rostrum, in stadiumlike seats, were the press, staff, consultants, and several score lively members of the Assembly's youth delegation. Hundreds of delegates, alternates, and visitors were using the International Business Machines' portable radios, by which main addresses could be heard at the flick of a button, in French, English or German. A few wore these remarkable gadgets to the coffee room or the press-rooms, still tuned to the speeches being given in the hall.

For the first two days, a remarkable series of addresses were given to plenary audiences which filled the spacious Concertgebouw to the galleries. The Bishop of Chichester, Bishop Brilioth

of Sweden, John A. Mackay of America, Marc Boegner of France, Samuel McCrea Cavert of America, W. A. Visser 't Hooft of Holland, Karl Barth of Switzerland, C. H. Dodd of England, Clarence Tucker Craig of America, George Florovsky of France, Regin Prenter of Denmark, Bishop Stephen Neill and Kathleen Bliss of England, Tsu-Chen Chao of China, Martin Niemöller of Germany, Philippe Maury and Jacques Ellul of France, John Baillie of Scotland, and Sarah Chakko of India. A climax came on Tuesday afternoon as John Foster Dulles of America and Joseph L. Hromadka of Czechoslovakia presented respective views symbolic of the two political realities which divide the world.

Here were 147 churches, from some 44 nations (6 behind the "iron curtain") meeting through their delegated representatives to constitute a Council. There was grateful awareness of the preliminary work which had gone on for decades in preparation for the Assembly. The names of Söderblom, Temple, Paton, and dozens of others



The six presidents of the Council and the Honorary President, Dr. John R. Mott. Left to right: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Pastor Marc Boegner; Dr. S. Germanos, Archbishop of Thyateira; Dr. Mott; Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury; Dr. Erling Eidem, Archbishop of Upsala, Dean T. C. Chao.



Bishop Y. T. Brilioth of Sweden with Mrs. Nathan Söderblom, widow of the archbishop who was one of the ecumenical pioneers. She was a special invited guest of the Assembly.

were referred to frequently. There was also the realization, as emphasis and organization appeared, that the Assembly was following out a pattern already rather clearly determined. Everywhere the energy and the preparatory work of Dr. Cavert, as chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and of Dr. 't Hooft and his young American aide, Robert S. Bilheimer, were evident as the meetings moved forward.

Actual structure and program of the Assembly were dealt with in crucial closed meetings of four "Committees." One was on Rules and Regulation, a second on Policies, a third on Program and Administration, and a fourth on Concerns of the Churches (Life and Work of Women in the Church, Christian Approach to the Jews, Training of Laymen, Christian Reconstruction and Inter-church Aid). Each had its own chairman and secretary, conducting its own discussions behind closed doors. Here was the movement and machinery of the Assembly.

Meanwhile, to decide upon the message of the Council, most of the 450

delegates divided up from Wednesday on into four Sections. At that point it rapidly became impossible for any one person to say just "how things were going" for the Assembly as a whole. Section I dealt with The Universal Church in God's Design—matters of ecumenical understanding and message. In Section II the keyword was evangelism, under the heading, The Church's Witness to God's Design. Section III dealt with The Church and the Disorder of Society. Debate in Section IV, The Church and the International Disorder, was the most exciting to press and public (although none but delegates and several newsmen were admitted to delegate Section meetings). Here the analysis of current world problems, including the political issues, produced the widely proclaimed criticism which the Assembly later substantially adopted dealing with both communism and "laissez-faire capitalism." Report was adopted of a study on "The Life and Work of Women in the Church," presented after Karl Barth had read before the study committee a decidedly

controversial paper on "Women in the Bible."

On the second Sunday of the Assembly, again in the echoing majesty of the Nieuwe Kerk, a great service of Holy Communion according to the Reformed pattern gathered the delegates and alternates and visitors into a historic and memorable unity. Anglican and Lutheran archbishops, and representatives of almost every communion taking part in the Assembly came in successive sittings of 120, to the number of about 1000, to the long table which was spread with white linen, as the simple call to the Sacrament was given by various clergy in English, French, German, Dutch, Japanese, Chinese and other tongues. Silver platters of bread and four silver chalices were passed from hand to hand, uniting men and women of every race and tradition for this moving service.

Worship each weekday morning in the Koepel Kerk (Cupola Church) was a quiet half hour for many hundreds of Assembly participants. The leadership was varied and effective: Japanese United Church, American Methodist, Hungarian Lutheran, Australian Congregationalist, American Quaker, West African Methodist, English Baptist. On three weekday mornings, Anglican Orthodox, and Lutheran services of Holy Communion were given. At the Quaker silent service, an Anglican bishop and a Reformed pastor were among those moved to brief statements of concern.

Late in the Assembly, plenary sessions again took up results of the long hours of discussion in Section meetings. Speakers also heard at these public meetings were Elfan Rees and Ernest Brown of England, Reinhold Niebuhr of America, Emil Brummer of Switzerland, Themistocles Chrysostomas of Greece, Eivind Berggrav of Norway, Mrs. Douglas Horton of America, and Christian Dovlo of the Gold Coast.

The wealth of addresses given to alternate sessions and visitors' sessions—like Hromadka's informal, dynamic defense of his position, and Douglas Horton's embarrassingly practical call to real unity—were a loss to the delegates, but caught up the many-sided emphasis of the Assembly for hundreds of others. A dignified reception given by the State in the amazingly rich galleries of the Rijksmuseum one evening, another by the City in the Royal Palace later, and a boat trip through the Amsterdam canals and harbors one night when myriad orange lights were on for the coronation—these, too, brought together the wider constituency.



Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert of the Federal Council (left) in earnest debate with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.



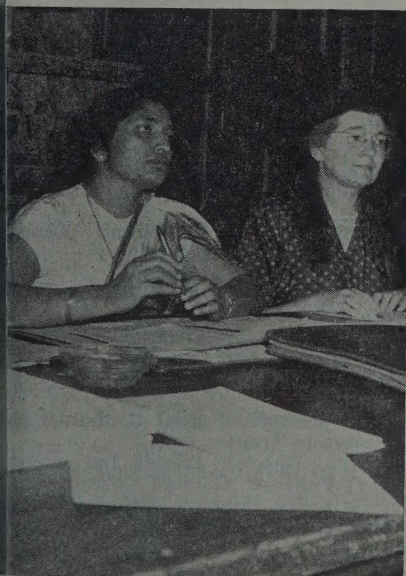
Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig, Dr. Ralph Sockman and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry—three American representatives.

which had gathered for the Assembly. Nowhere was there more life and critical, realistic discussion than in the Youth Delegation sessions. The 100 young people from many nations and communions lived together in a spacious city-owned youth hostel, sleeping on solid straw ticks and eating plain food for about \$1.50 a day. Divided into the same Sections as their elders, they presented advisory results of their discussions to the Assembly's sections. Together with the eager young "ushers" who were useful everywhere, the Youth Delegation lowered by welcome degrees the median age of

Assembly participants. All recalled that William Temple, whose name and influence still overshadowed the life of the Council, had first caught the vision of the movement when he had served as a young "usher" at Edinburgh in 1910.

As the Assembly drew to a close with a quiet Saturday afternoon worship service under the lofty baroque tower of the Wester Kerk, it had done its work. It had succeeded in setting an organizational pattern, demonstrated a new measure of Christian unity, and taken one more long step in the decades-long process of achieving world

fellowship among churches. The message of the Assembly, with its political, social, and theological overtones, will take months to explore and evaluate as reports are published. Dissatisfactions and inequities which were bound to arise over organizational decisions, officerships, budget allocations, and even central procedure, were minimized with notable Christian grace. The Assembly was in no real sense "a revival" among the manifold communions represented there. But it witnessed, indubitably and hearteningly, the energy and leading of God's Spirit among Christians in our day.



Sarah Chakko of India and Mrs. Samuel McCrea Cavert, officers of the committee on Women in the Church.



New ties are established as delegates meet in the courtyard between sessions for informal chats and exchanges.

Structure of the World Council

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF WORLD CHURCH BODY

Editor's Note—

The following sketch is not official. It loses accuracy of detail by condensation. It is intended to provide a general description, pending the publication of authorized documents.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The Constitution of the World Council of Churches is a brief document setting forth the fundamental basis, authority and structure of the organization. The Council is defined as "a fellowship of Churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour." Churches which express their agreement with that basis are eligible and may be accepted into membership by a two-thirds vote of the member Churches represented at the Assembly, each church having one vote.

A set of rules was also adopted for the regulation of Council procedures. The rules are to be interpreted in the light of the Constitution and are more easily amended than is the Constitution, because they do not define the nature of the Council.

ASSEMBLY

The Assembly is the principal authority in the Council and is to meet ordinarily every five years. It is composed of official representatives of the Churches, appointed directly by them. Its size is to be determined by each Assembly for the subsequent Assembly, but the Assembly may empower a central committee to increase or diminish the set number by not more than twenty percent. The Amsterdam Assembly set the normative number of delegates for the next Assembly at 500. The Assembly, in addition to defining basic policy, elects or appoints World Council officers and the Central Committee.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee, composed of the president or presidents of the Council and not more than ninety members from among the delegates, is to meet normally once in each calendar year. The Central Committee directs the work of the Council between the meetings of the Assembly and within the general policies adopted by the Assembly. It is responsible for formulating the Council budget and securing its financial support. It elects its own officers from among its members and appoints its own secretarial staff. It

has power to appoint its own Executive Committee.

COMMISSIONS

The commissions or departmental committees, which will discharge part of the Council's functions, are appointed by the Assembly or by the Central Committee under instruction by the Assembly and are not limited in their membership to delegates to the Assembly. They are under the supervision of the Central Committee and report

to it annually. Among those already authorized are the Faith and Order Commission, the Study Department Commission, the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (constituted jointly by the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches), the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid, and the Youth Department Commission. Other enterprises under the direction of the Central Committee are finance and business, the Ecumenical

WORLD COUNCIL LEADERS

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Honorary President	Dr. John R. Mott
Presidents	Pastor Marc Boegner
	The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher
	Dean T. C. Chao
	Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
	The Archbishop of Thyateira, Dr. S. Germanos
	The Archbishop of Upsala, Dr. Erling Eidem

Officers of the Central Committee

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Vice-Chairman	Dr. Franklin Clark Fry

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African M. E. Zion Church	Bishop W. J. Walls, Bishop, A.M.E. Zion Church, Chicago, Illinois
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Evangelical United Brethren Church	Bishop John S. Stamm, Senior Bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
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Methodist Church	Bishop James C. Baker, Bishop, Los Angeles, California
	Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop, St. Louis, Mo.
	Dr. J. Earl Moreland, President, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.
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	Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, president, Women's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.	Mrs. C. S. Harrington, Houston, Texas
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	Dr. John A. Mackay, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
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Protestant Episcopal Church	Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D. C.
	Charles P. Taft, president, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
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United Lutheran Church in America	Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President, United Lutheran Church in America

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, *ex-officio*
General Secretary—Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft

Institute, Chaplaincy Service to Prisoners of War, press, publicity and public relations, the *Ecumenical Review*, and library and history. Evangelism will be the responsibility of a secretary related to the general secretariat.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN BODIES

The rules prescribe numerous points at which the several world confessional organizations will be consulted in connection with membership applications, elections and appointments and program. Arrangements have been made for close collaboration with the International Missionary Council. Each organization will describe itself as "in association with" the other. An instance of close collaboration is found in the joint sponsorship of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. Also, the World Council of Christian Education, the YMCA, the YWCA, the World Student Christian Federation and the United Bible Societies are invited to designate one representative each to attend meetings of the Assembly and of the Central Committee in a consultative capacity.

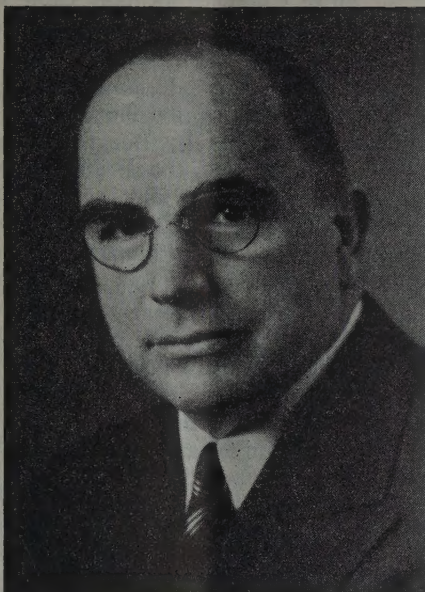
ADMINISTRATION

The entire staff of the Council is under the general supervision of the general secretariat and responsible to the Central Committee. Some members of the staff with responsibilities for the administration of commissions will have their offices in London or New York, thus providing a geographical dispersal of the functional offices of the Council.

BUDGET

For the year 1949, the Assembly approved a budget of \$539,660, including an administrative budget for the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid of \$176,660. This means that, in addition to \$63,000 available from special gifts, and the item for administration of the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid, which is provided by the reconstruction committees of giving countries, the Churches and friends of the Council will be called upon to provide \$300,000 for the general budget. Most of this amount will need to be provided by America because the depleted resources and the heavy burdens of most of the older and younger churches, together with governmental restrictions or prohibitions on the export of funds from some countries, leave the American churches as the only source of income adequate to carry the major portion of the financial load.

AMERICANS ELECTED TO KEY POSITIONS



Bishop Oxnham

Two prominent Americans have been elected to key positions in the leadership of the World Council of Churches during its first five years of existence as a formally constituted body. They are G. Bromley Oxnham, Bishop of the Methodist Church, New York Area, and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Bishop Oxnham, elected one of the six World Council presidents, was chairman of the Administration Committee during the Amsterdam Assembly, and has been close to the ecumenical movement since the 1937 Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences, both of which he attended. Dr. Fry will serve as Vice Chairman of the 90-man Central Committee of the World Council, which will direct the active work of the Council during the next five years. Bishop Oxnham has been named Finance Chairman of the Central Committee.

After serving his first pastorate at Poplar, California, in 1916, Bishop Oxnham was assigned to a debt-burdened parish in Los Angeles. Within a few years he had built it into one of the most successful Methodist parishes in the country, known as the Church of All Nations.

He was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Church at the 1936 General Conference, and in 1944 he became Bishop of the New York Area. Besides his pastoral duties, Bishop Oxnham has been Professor of Social Ethics at the University of Southern California (1919 to 1923); a member of the faculty at Boston University School

of Theology (1927); and President of DePauw University (1928 to 1936).

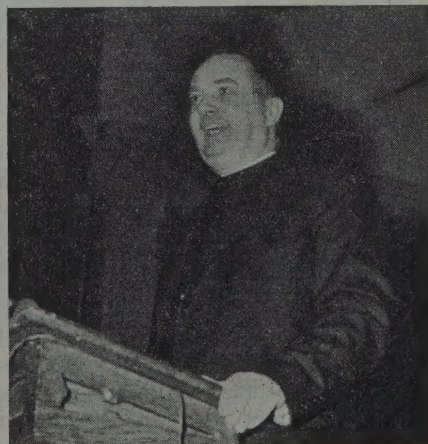
Bishop Oxnham was president of the Federal Council of Churches from 1944 to 1946. He has been a preacher on the National Vespers Radio Service, and is Secretary of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. He is also president of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

As a World Council president, Bishop Oxnham has voiced a plea for unity among churches: "The need for unity is urgent . . . Our disunity is a denial of our Lord . . . We cannot win the world for Christ with the tactics of guerilla warfare . . . This calls for general staff, grand strategy, and army. And this means union."

Dr. Fry has long been active in relief and reconstruction work. He is president of Lutheran World Relief, Inc., and serves on the executive committee of Church World Service. He is also a member of the World Council's Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid.

A graduate of Philadelphia's Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1925, Dr. Fry was ordained by the Lutheran Synod of New York and New England on June 10 of that year. He has served as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at Yonkers, N. Y., and Trinity Lutheran Church at Akron, Ohio. In 1944 he became president of the United Lutheran Church in America.

As a representative of both the American section of the Lutheran World Convention and the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Fry spent six weeks in Europe in 1945 studying the problem of postwar relief and reconstruction among the churches abroad and has made other trips to Europe in connection with Lutheran interests.



Dr. Fry

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SENDS PALESTINE AID

To help relieve the desperate needs among hundreds of thousands of refugees in Palestine, made homeless and destitute by the conflict in their country, an emergency relief shipment containing twenty tons of clothing and vitamins has been sent to the Near East by Church World Service.

This was the first shipment of relief supplies to Palestinian refugees for distribution on a non-discriminatory basis, according to A. Livingston Warnshuis, of Church World Service. Previously this agency and another church group sent relief funds amounting to \$27,000, to be used in Palestine for emergency relief purposes.

The supplies will be distributed by a neutral committee in Palestine which is being set up in consultation with the U. N. mediation committee. A committee has been set up to coordinate the relief activities of Church World Service and other voluntary and private agencies with government agencies which may soon be sending aid to relieve the critical conditions among the refugees.

The church relief leader stressed the non-political significance of the supplies. "Some of the aid will go to Jewish refugees, although for the most part they are being more adequately cared for by several of their own relief agencies. On the other hand, there has been no one to give assistance to the hundreds of thousands of non-combatant Arabs who have lost everything they own. Most of the aid will go to them, as well as to the minority of Christians who have been caught in the cross-fire of fighting in the Near East.

This last factor, Dr. Warnshuis said, "puts an added responsibility on the church people of America to aid their fellow Christians who are in need." On a larger and more basic level, however, it is Church World Service's primary purpose to give assistance where it is needed, regardless of race, creed or political affiliation," he explained.

Quoting from a recent cablegram signed by American church leaders in Palestine, Dr. Warnshuis described the needs among the refugees. "Virtually half the non-combatant Arabs of Palestine have become displaced persons . . . families have been dispersed, houses wrecked beyond repair and whole communities reduced to destitution. These people now possess nothing but the clothing they stand up in and the courage that will respond eagerly to

AFTER TEN years as a provisional body, the World Council of Churches formally came into existence on the morning of Monday, August 23.

On behalf of the Committee of Fourteen and the provisional committee, Pastor Marc Boegner of Paris, president of the Protestant Federation of France and a provisional president of the World Council, offered the following statement and resolution to the assembly:

"The World Conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh in the year 1937 each appointed seven members to a "Committee of Fourteen," which was entrusted with the task of completing the plan for a World Council of Churches, submitting this plan to the churches and bringing the World Council into existence. The Conference of Church representatives at Utrecht in 1938 proposed that the members of the Committee of Fourteen, and their alternates appointed by the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences, serve as a Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches (in process of formation), together with such additional members as the Administrative Committee of Life and Work and the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order might appoint. The Committee of Fourteen approved this proposal, subject to approval by the Assembly itself when it should meet.

"In fulfillment of this plan the first Assembly has been convened to meet in Amsterdam from August 22 to September 4, the member churches have appointed delegates thereto, and the provisional committee has prepared a program and has formulated arrangements for the conduct of the sessions. The Committee of Fourteen and the Provisional Committee now present the following resolution to the Assembly for its official action:

"That the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches be declared to be and is hereby constituted, in accordance with the constitution drafted at Utrecht in 1938 and approved by the churches; that the Assembly consist of those persons who have been appointed as the official delegates of the churches adhering to the Council; and that the formation of the World Council of Churches be declared to be and hereby is completed."

any promise of a return to normal life. This drifting multitude, close to half a million in number, is in desperate need of organized help."

Other shipments to aid in supplying the physical as well as moral and spiritual needs of these homeless masses will be sent as quickly as funds are made available by the church groups throughout the country, Dr. Warnshuis said. He stressed the need for additional funds for this cause, because most of the agency's funds have already been allocated to other relief and reconstruction projects in various parts of the world.

Any person wishing to aid in this emergency situation should write to the Church World Service headquarters at 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, New York.

BIBLE READING PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

The daily reading of the Bible is urged in the promotion of the Fifth Annual Worldwide Bible Reading program, which will be sponsored by the American Bible Society from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

"This program is a plan to get millions of people in America and all over the world to read the same Bible selections daily for the 31 days in this period," said Dr. James V. Claypool of the American Bible Society, director of the program. "Last year 15,000,000 of the little bookmarks, containing the list of suggested Scripture passages, were distributed and the list of selections was reprinted about 20,000,000 times. We expect to have an even larger response this year, when more and more people, both at home and abroad, according to reports, are turning to the Bible as a source of help and hope."

Outside of the United States the program is under the supervision of the Society's twelve foreign agencies, which will produce the reading lists in the languages spoken in those nations which they serve. Thirty-four countries participated in the program last year. Chaplains, serving with various branches of the Armed Forces in all parts of the world, also secured the material.

The theme for 1948 is "The Book of All Nations." The reading program has as its central day Universal Bible Sunday, which falls on December 12. To assist the pastors in the observance of this day the American Bible Society has mailed over 130,000 packets of material to churches of more than 80 different denominations.

World Council Message

THE World Council of Churches, meeting at Amsterdam, sends this message of greeting to all who are in Christ, and to all who are willing to hear.

We bless God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ who gathers together in one the children of God that are scattered abroad. He has brought us here together at Amsterdam. We are one in acknowledging Him as our God and Savior. We are divided from one another not only in matters of faith, order and tradition, but also by pride of nation, class and race. But Christ has made us His own, and He is not divided. In seeking Him we find one another. Here at Amsterdam we have committed ourselves afresh to Him, and have covenanted with one another in constituting this World Council of Churches. We intend to stay together. We call upon Christian congregations everywhere to endorse and fulfil this covenant in their relations one with another. In thankfulness to God we commit the future to Him.

When we look to Christ, we see the world as it is—His world, to which He came and for which He died. It is filled both with great hopes and also with disillusionment and despair. Some nations are rejoicing in new freedom and power, some are bitter because freedom is denied them, some are paralyzed by division, and everywhere there is an undertone of fear. There are millions who are hungry, millions

who have no home, no country and no hope. Over all mankind hangs the peril of total war. We have to accept God's judgment upon us for our share in the world's guilt. Often we have tried to serve God and mammon, put other loyalties before loyalty to Christ, confused the Gospel with our own economic or national or racial interests, and feared war more than we have hated it. As we have talked with each other here, we have begun to understand how our separation has prevented us from receiving correction from one another in Christ. And because we lacked this correction, the world has often heard from us not the Word of God but the words of men.

But there is a word of God for our world. It is that the world is in the hands of the living God, Whose will for it is wholly good; that in Christ Jesus, His incarnate Word, Who lived and died and rose from the dead, God has broken the power of evil once for all, and opened for everyone the gate into freedom and joy in the Holy Spirit; that the final judgment on all human history and on every human deed is the judgment of the merciful Christ; and that the end of history will be the triumph of His Kingdom, where alone we shall understand how much God has loved the world. This is God's unchanging word to the world. Millions of our fellow-men have never heard it. As we are met here from many lands, we pray God to stir up His whole Church to make this Gospel

known to the whole world, and to call on all men to believe in Christ, to live in His love and to hope for His coming.

Our coming together to form a World Council will be vain, unless Christians and Christian congregations everywhere commit themselves to the Lord of the Church in a new effort to seek together, where they live, to be His witnesses and servants among their neighbours. We have to remind ourselves and all men that God has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the humble and meek. We have to learn afresh together to speak boldly in Christ's name both to those in power and to the people, to oppose terror, cruelty and race discrimination, to stand by the outcast, the prisoner and the refugee. We have to make of the Church in every place a voice for those who have no voice, and a home where every man will be at home. We have to learn afresh together what is the duty of the Christian man or woman in industry, in agriculture, in politics, in the professions and in the home. We have to ask God to teach us together to say No and to say Yes in truth. No to all that flouts the love of Christ, to every system, every program and every person that treats any man as though he were an irresponsible thing or a means of profit, to the defenders of injustice in the name of order, to those who sow the seeds of war, or urge war as inevitable; Yes, to all that conforms to the love of Christ, to all who seek for justice, to peace-



Relaxing between sessions of the Assembly are (left to right) Dr. Alphons Koechlin, president of the Reformed Church in Switzerland; Dr. Adolph Keller, noted Swiss theologian; Dr. Karl Barth of the University of Basle; and Dr. Emil Brunner of the University of Zurich.



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and her husband, Prince Bernhard (extreme right) attend a session of the Assembly. Seated between them is Dr. Marc Boegner of France, and at left is Archbishop Erling Eidem of Sweden. Standing is Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council.

makers, to all who hope, fight and suffer for the cause of man, to all who—even without knowing it—look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

It is not in man's power to banish sin and death from the earth, to create the unity of the Holy Catholic Church, to conquer the hosts of Satan. But it is within the power of God. He has given us as Easter the certainty that His purpose will be accomplished. But, by our acts of obedience and faith, we can on earth set up signs which point to the coming victory. Till the day of that victory our lives are hid with Christ in God, and no earthly disillusion or distress or power of hell can separate us from Him. As those who wait in confidence and joy for their deliverance, let us give ourselves to those tasks which lie to our hands, and so set up signs that men may see.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

STUDY APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY

Two and a half years of study had gone into the report submitted by the World Council's Study Department on the subject, "The Life and Work of Women in the Church," and approved by the Assembly in Amsterdam.

On the moot point of ordination to the ministry for women, the report took the unobjectionable position that the matter requires "further careful and objective study." At the same time, it strongly urged the integration of women into the total structure of the Church. It asked improvement of the standards of training for women, increased remuneration, and heightened status and job security. All the findings and recommendations of the report were based upon detailed questionnaire statistics and surveys.

When the report was presented to the Assembly, there was suggestion that it be published, countered by a proposal that such publication be pondered further by a commission. The counter proposal was voted down, and the report is to be made available soon. Further, the report and the Assembly called for preparation of a longer study in the same area, for added news in Ecumenical Press Service bulletins about women's work, and inclusion of a greater proportion of women in Council commissions, major committees, and secretariat staff.

BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SEND GOSPELS TO DUTCH CHILDREN



Charles Taft receives a copy of the Dutch Gospel of St. John from Herbert Wing, as Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary looks on.

When Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council, sailed for Amsterdam on the Queen Elizabeth early in August, he carried with him 8,000 copies of the Gospel According to St. John, gifts to Sunday School children in the Netherlands from New York City Daily Vacation Bible School students.

Just before the ship sailed, six-year-old Herbert Wing, a Chinese-American student at the Mariner's Temple Daily Vacation Bible School, presented the Gospels to Mr. Taft on behalf of the 10,000 children in the five hundred schools operated under the auspices of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. The Gospels were printed in Dutch and each carried a note with the name, age and address of a New York child, with the postscript "I hope you will write when the Assembly is over and tell me all about it."

Mr. Taft presented the Gospels to 1,000 Amsterdam children gathered on August 25th for the special ceremony at the Oude Kerk.

Ecumenicity in East Boston

By PHILIP E. ANTHERS

The Rev. Philip E. Anthes, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in East Boston for 14 years, is pastor of the newly organized St. John's Church (Federated).

Church history has recently been made at Lambeth, at Amsterdam, and in East Boston. A unique federation of three East Boston Protestant churches was celebrated at a festival service on Sunday, September 19, at 4 p.m., showing that the movement toward Christian unity is firm at the grassroots.

The special service marked the federation of St. John's Episcopal Church, founded in 1845; St. Paul's Italian Methodist Church, which succeeded the old Saratoga Street Methodist Church organized in 1842; and the Italian Congregational Church, established in 1929. The combined congregations are known as St. John's Church (Federated) and are using the facilities of St. John's Episcopal Church on Lexington Street. When three congregations, representing the Congregational, Episcopal and Methodist faiths and having diverse national origins, vote unanimously to work and worship together, new meaning for our time is given to the fervent prayer of our Lord "that they all may be one."

The federation came about after a two-year program of study and planning by the East Boston churches under the guidance of the Department of Research and Planning of the State Council of Churches, the Rev. William J. Villaume, Director. There will be weekly services in both English and Italian, and a single church school session each Sunday. Two theological students will assist in the young people's activities. The church program is being fashioned to enable the Italian-speaking members to keep their American-born children in the family church. The combined constituency exceeds one thousand persons, although not all of these are active.

The local pastors and their congregations hail this new federation with enthusiasm and hope, for it brings new life to separate congregations by helping them to feel the support of one another; and further, it brings a new economy of operation, as now the work is brought under one roof. They believe that their church school will function more efficiently and with greater inspiration. They believe also that Protestantism will be strengthened and that the enthusiasm of this combined fellowship will be effective in

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bringing new interest to many Protestants who have been living in a community which is predominantly Roman Catholic.

The cooperation of the denominations represented and of the local congregations has been excellent, so that there is good hope for the future of this—in some respects—pioneer movement.

AMSTERDAM REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN ECONOMIC LIFE EMPHASIS

The Assembly of the World Council of Churches recognized the importance of economic life in "the disorder of society." The extent to which the Report by this name has been reported and discussed editorially in the American press and radio reflects the emphatic way in which the Assembly dealt with the Christian witness to pressing issues in economic life. For leaders and members of the churches, the references in the Report to the part which local churches and groups of Christians should play in economic life are equally challenging.

The concern and much of the general substance of the Report which was "commended to the churches for serious consideration and appropriate action" will be stressed by the churches in the United States during Church and Economic Life Week, which begins on Sunday, January 16, 1949. The Department of the Church and Economic Life has new materials prepared to help churches participate significantly in this annual church-wide undertaking.

What is the purpose of Church and Economic Life Week? What is its program? What helps are available? These questions are given specific answers in a promotional leaflet which is available free with three cents to cover postage. Other materials include a Service of Worship for use on Church and Economic Life Sunday, January 16, the text of the Report of Section III of the World Council Assembly with questions and comments for its use in church groups, a pamphlet of some forty pages on techniques and programs for churches, and a pamphlet on "The Christian and His Occupation" by Dr. J. H. Oldham with an appendix of excerpts of statements from the papers of the World Council of Churches bearing on Christian vocation.



Professor Georges Florovsky (right) of the Russian Orthodox Seminary in Paris, with Donald Lowrie, representing the World YMCA.



Members of the youth delegation prepare reports of their discussions for presentation to the Assembly. Left to right: Madeleine Barot of France, Jean Fraser of England, D. J. Niles, India, and William Keys, American Youth Secretary for the World Council.

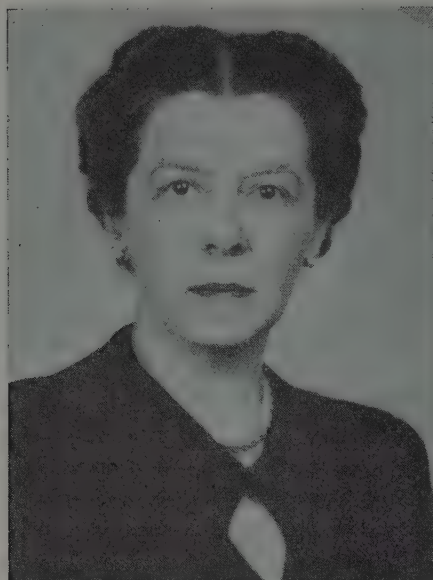


The Archbishop of Canterbury (right), with Dr. P. O. Bersell, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.



Mrs. C. S. Harrington and Mrs. J. D. Bragg (right), both on the committee studying women's work.

JOINS COUNCIL STAFF AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY



Miss Elma L. Greenwood has been appointed assistant executive secretary of the Department of the Church and Economic Life. She began her duties on October 1 and is associated with Rev. Cameron P. Hall, the executive secretary of the department.

Miss Greenwood comes to the Federal Council from her position as chief of the budget section, Budget and Finance Division, United States Civil Service Commission, in Washington, D. C. She was for several years on the staff of the Pennsylvania Economy League and served for four years in the Department of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

She served as executive secretary of the League of Women Voters in Syracuse, New York and in Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Greenwood is a member of the North East Methodist Church in North East, Maryland and has for three years been its Sunday School superintendent. She traveled in Europe this summer, and attended the Amsterdam Assembly as a visitor.

Conference Will Plan Future Overseas Relief

One hundred American church leaders will meet October 21-22 at Asbury Park, N. J. to map out future long-range plans for the interdenominational overseas relief and reconstruction program. The meeting was announced recently by Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, executive associate of Church World Service, under whose auspices the conference will be held.

The meeting, to be held at the

Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, will be made up of representatives from 22 of the major Protestant and Orthodox church groups in the U. S. which carry on their overseas aid activities through the channels of Church World Service.

"Following close on the heels of the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches, with its major emphasis on reconstruction, the Asbury Park Conference will be of unusual significance and may well determine the course and dimensions of cooperative overseas relief and inter-church aid operations for the next five or ten years," Dr. Barstow stressed. "Efforts will be made," he said "not only to devise a clear-cut program, but to obtain assurances of adequate support for long range undertakings."

"The Conference will be aided in its discussions by the presence of many who were delegates to Amsterdam, and who also made first hand surveys of conditions in many countries of Europe," Dr. Barstow explained. Particular emphasis will be given to the needs in Asia too, one of the leading figures at the Conference being Dr. Robert T. Henry, veteran missionary to China, and director of Church World Service activities there. He will present the relief needs and problems of the Orient.

"The Christian people of America have done well, although not enough in spiritual and material needs of their suffering and bewildered fellowmen overseas during the past several years, both directly through their church connections and through CWS," the church leader said, "but there are still desperate needs in many parts of the world which must be met if many of the hungry in heart as well as in stomach are to be restored and given new life and new hope."

BIENNIAL SCHEDULED FOR CINCINNATI, DECEMBER 1-3

Plans are now being completed for the Fortieth Anniversary Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 1, 2, and 3, 1948.

Most of the sessions will be held at the biennial headquarters, the Hotel Gibson. A fellowship dinner is planned for Wednesday, December 1, in the Masonic Temple and a mass meeting is to be held at the Taft Auditorium on Thursday evening, December 2. The service of worship inaugurating the officers of the Council for the next biennium is scheduled for Christ Church (Episcopal).

More complete program plans will be announced at a later date.

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE TO SEND CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A special committee for sponsoring the sending of Christmas parcels to children overseas on behalf of international friendship and good will has been added to the program of Church World Service.

The newly-established Committee on World Friendship Among Children combines the work of two earlier organizations, World Festivals for Friendship, Inc. and the Federal Council of Churches' Committee on World Friendship Among Children, both of which have been merged into the new committee. The Federal Council group existed for several years prior to the last war and World Festivals for Friendship came into existence in 1945.

Through the committee gifts from thousands of boys and girls in the U.S. will be shipped overseas to be distributed to children who would otherwise have no Christmas gifts.

All gifts to be shipped abroad should reach the Church World Service Committee by November 1 so that they arrive overseas in time to be distributed in fifteen countries at the celebration of the World Christmas Festival on December 15. Funds to cover the cost of overseas shipment should accompany each gift.

Further information concerning the project may be obtained from the Committee on World Friendship Among Children, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, New York.

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

Acceptances are being received daily for the National Conference of Church Leaders on Family Life, to be held in Cincinnati, November 29-30, just prior to the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council. The work of the conference will be carried out by small sections, each considering major problems which face both families and churches in attempting to strengthen home life in a disordered age.

Invitations have been issued to men and women recommended by denominational and inter-denominational leaders and by educators and city and state councils of churches. Additional names of persons who should receive invitations because of their special interest in family life problems, or their work with church family life and educational circles, would be received with appreciation. Names should be sent to the Intercouncil Committee on Christian Family Life, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

World Order Day To Be Observed On October 24

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the United Nations on October 31, 1947, adopted a resolution naming October 24—the anniversary of the day the Charter of the United Nations came into effect—as United Nations Day and inviting all member governments to cooperate in observing it. The resolution declares that the day shall be “devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for the work of the United Nations.”

This action conforms in spirit and purpose to the prior action of the Federal Council of Churches in recommending “that the Sunday nearest October 24, the day when the United Nations’ Charter became the law of nations, be named World Order Day.”

This year October 24 comes on a Sunday, giving special significance to emphasis by the churches on the spiritual and moral foundations which must underlie world order as a whole and the United Nations in particular.

The text of the 1948 World Order Day message of the Federal Council of Churches follows:

“On this World Order Day, when international tension is acute and an adequate system for peaceful change is lacking, when in numerous countries human rights are being trampled under foot, and when exhaustion, disillusionment, and spiritual apathy have produced a moral vacuum, let the churches of Christ reaffirm their faith.

“The Churches bear witness to all mankind that the world is in God’s hands. His purpose may be thwarted and delayed, but it cannot be finally frustrated. This is the meaning of history which forbids despair or surrender to the fascinating belief in power as a solvent of human trouble.

“War, being a consequence of the disregard of God, is not inevitable if man will turn to Him in repentance and obey His law. There is, then, no irresistible tide that is carrying man to destruction. Nothing is impossible with God.

“While we know that wars sometimes arise from immediate causes which Christians seem unable to influence, we need not work blindly or alone. We are laborers together with God, Who in Christ has given us the way of overcoming demonic forces in history. Through the Churches, working together under His power, a fellowship is being developed which rises above those barriers of race, color, class, and nation that now set men against each other in conflict.

“Every person has a place in the Divine purpose. Created by God in His image,

the object of His redeeming love in Christ, he must be free to respond to God’s calling. God is not indifferent to misery or deaf to human prayer and aspiration. By accepting His Gospel, men will find forgiveness for all their sins and receive power to transform their relations with their fellow men.

“Herein lies our hope and the ground of all our striving. It is required of us that we be faithful and obedient. The event is with God. Thus every man may serve the cause of peace, confident that—no matter what happens—he is neither lost nor futile, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth”*

On this World Order Day which is the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, let the churches pledge anew their support. We recognize fully that this organization has not yet been able to establish the conditions required “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.” We see the shortcomings which result from the weak loyalty of its members. Nevertheless we find in the United Nations a beacon of hope, in a world darkened by fear and conflict, calling the peoples to work together for the common good. If there have been failures, so too have there been accomplishments. Let us bear witness to the constructive tasks thus far achieved.

The United Nations General Assembly is fulfilling its function as the “town meeting of the world.” It has brought to public attention for moral judgment areas of tension and some of the underlying causes of conflict. Its actions have helped to localize the fighting in Greece, to establish a democratic government in South Korea, and to bring at least a respite to the bloodshed in the Holy Land. To this forum are brought great issues, such as human rights, reconstruction, and disarmament, which affect the lives of the whole human family. The General Assembly provides a means to release the moral power of world public opinion. This is the important and exciting fact.

The efforts of United Nations agencies in behalf of human welfare are noteworthy. An International Declaration on Human Rights has been drafted which seeks wider recognition for the rights and freedom of the human person, including his religious liberty. A convention on genocide to protect racial, national, and religious groups is being negotiated. Significant economic commissions for Europe and Asia have been established under the Economic and Social Council. The Trusteeship Council is winning heartening response from member states in efforts to improve the conditions of non-self-governing peoples. The specialized agencies, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, and the International Refugee Organization, are undertaking constructive projects to advance human well-being in many highly important ways. Through the performance of these beneficial tasks, the

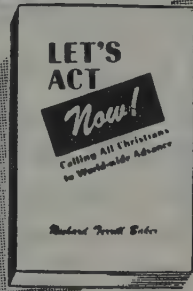
nations find new values in working together. In the extension of such cooperation and fellowship lies the best hope for an assured peace.

It is particularly the duty of the churches of Christ in America to encourage the United States to make full use of the provisions of the Charter and to bring its policies into such fundamental agreement with the principles of the Charter as will steadily increase the prestige and authority of the United Nations. If international peace and security are to be maintained, all member states of the United Nations must constantly examine their conduct in the light of the requirements of the Charter and the specific recommendations of the United Nations. Both for its own sake and for the sake of the world community, the United States must cleanse itself of smugness and complacency and exercise its power with that humility and restraint which are consonant with true greatness.

On this World Order Day, let the churches renew their support of the European Recovery Program in the conviction that it can be “one of history’s most momentous affirmations of faith in the curative power of freedom and in the creative capacity of free men.” Although still in its initial stages, this program already has raised the hopes of Western Europe that the peace may yet be won and the freedoms of its peoples made

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Education and Evangelism In the Local Community

BY HARRY H. KALAS

THE NATIONAL Christian Teaching Mission achieves a new comprehensiveness because it brings together two great arms of the Christian enterprise; namely, education and evangelism. To education it brings an urgency and a motive which it has not always had. To evangelism this fusion brings a practical recognition that the process of redemption is correlative to the laws of growth.

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1. A self-study experience is pro-

jected into each local church under the direction of the guest leader of that local church. To this self-study are brought representative people from every organized group within the life of the church. This is on the assumption that the new evangelism need not necessarily set up new machinery but rather should use the evangelistic potential which lies within the existing organizations of the church. The self-study does not presume to test the church or its organizations from the standpoint of doctrine or polity. It centers on one thing only; namely, the person-mindedness of that church and the consequent evangelistic potentiality which lies within its organized life.

2. A complete community census is made under the direction of the national director and with the cooperation in every local church of the guest leader and the pastor as well as a committee of selected laymen.
3. Interposed in the process of evangelism is an element known as "fellowship cultivation." To each of the organized groups within the church are assigned those people on the responsibility list of that church who are most likely to feel at home in the given study, fellowship, or service group whose duty it is to so organize itself that it will surround unchurched people who are appointed to it with the love and the fellowship of the church.
4. Program enlargement is a phase of the National Christian Teaching Mission which involves the following three matters:
 - a. On the basis of the self-study and the census, and on the basis of the careful appraisal

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of the structure of the church, the guest leader and the pastor, in conference with numerous small groups in the church, determine upon the two or three points at which that church needs to strengthen its structure and program, if it is adequately to meet the needs of the community.

- b. The denominational evangelistic emphasis in each local church is given special focus and content through the National Christian Teaching Mission.
- c. This program endeavors to catch up some of the values of the old Mission to Teachers by reinterpreting the function of every teacher in terms of the evangelistic purposes of the church.
- d. The National Christian Teaching Mission is not an alternative to other forms of evangelism. Therefore, an important part of program enlargement is the projection, on the community and local church level, of programs of visitation evangelism, leadership training, etc.

The great demand for Missions has required that high standards be set for the selection and training of Directors of Christian Teaching Missions in order to maintain the quality of the seminars and efficiency of administration. Thirty-eight people are now qualified to interpret the Mission and to direct Christian Teaching Missions in local communities, having been trained in coaching seminars and having had actual experience in Missions themselves. It is the policy of the national director to limit his participation in community Missions to:

1. Introductory Missions in new areas.
2. Experimental Missions.
3. Missions of the metropolitan type.

The Joint Committee has urged upon the director the importance of not limiting the Mission to one type of community, but covering every possible situation from completely rural to metropolitan in character. Deliberate efforts are being made to distribute this program over all parts of the country, making it the project of state and city councils, not in a superimposed sense, but as an essential part of the evangelistic program of those councils.

Missions are scheduled for this fall and winter in Dayton, Hamilton, Massillon, Hardin County, Marietta and Youngstown, Ohio; in North Holly-

wood, Van Nuys, Burbank, Riverside, La Mesa, and Pasadena, California; in Portland and Salem, Oregon; in Oil City and South Connellsville, Pa.; and in Springfield, Ill.; Seattle, Wash.; Union City, Ind.; Janesville, Wisc.; Saginaw, Mich.; Jasper County, Iowa; Boulder, Colo.; and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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The Federal Council's Executive Committee approved at its meeting September 21, a recommendation from the Department of International Justice and Goodwill that a National Study Conference on the Churches and World Order be held March 1-3, 1949. The purpose of the conference will be to consider and attempt to clarify Christian strategy in relation to the menacing international situation. Delegates will be appointed by communions, interdenominational agencies, and councils of churches to give the conference a broad representative character. Special commissions convened by the Department will carry on an intensive program of preparatory studies during the intervening five months.

The last such conference was held at Cleveland in January, 1945. Some 481 delegates from 34 communions, 18 allied religious bodies and 70 city and state councils of churches, met under the auspices of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace to consider urgent international issues emerging from the war. Best known of the conference findings are the nine recommendations for the improvement of the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals which helped to shape the United Nations Charter at San Francisco.

Since the Cleveland Conference, the United Nations has been established for three years, without benefit of major peace treaties, the war-time coalition has fallen apart and been succeeded by a "cold war," the world

has been plunged into the insecure era of atomic power and negotiations to control the new force have been suspended. In the light of such developments a reexamination of Christian strategy is needed. Moreover, with the formation of the World Council of Churches, new hope is offered for better integrated Christian efforts in the struggle for world order.

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On this World Order Day, let the churches make known their support of measures designed to increase social welfare throughout the world, to curb and overcome economic injustices which divide men and peoples, and to secure wider observance of and respect for human rights. Let the churches press for the uninterrupted continuance of diplomatic conversations between the Soviet Union and the United States in the hope of the negotiation of trustworthy agreements by which the tensions currently existing between Russia and the West may be eased. Let the churches, mindful of the needs for national strength in an insecure world, continue their support of efforts to secure international control of atomic energy and the multilateral reduction and effective control of armaments through the United Nations. Let the churches demand that the formulation of American foreign policy be recognized as the primary responsibility not of the military, but of the civilian, officers of government.

In conformity with the American tradition, let the churches press for those constructive measures which will change the conditions favoring the spread of despotism. Let the churches support in every possible way the resettlement of the displaced persons permitted by current legislation, and work for the improvement of this legislation. It is one of the requirements of the Gospel to which Christians are beholden that all possible aid shall be given to those made destitute and homeless by the ravages of war.

On this World Order Day, let us seek to strengthen the world-wide Christian fellowship. As was said last month at the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches:

"The establishment of the World Council of Churches can be made of great moment for the life of the nations. It is a living expression of a fellowship transcending race and nation, class and culture, knit together in faith, service, and understanding. Its aim will be to hasten international reconciliation through its own members and through the cooperation of all Christian Churches and of all men of goodwill. It will strive to see international differences in the light of God's design, remembering that normally there are Christians on both sides of every frontier. It should not weary in the effort to state the Christian understanding of the will of God and to promote its application to national and international policy."*

Let us share in this work of reconciliation through fellowship with Christians and all peace-loving folk around the world, through voluntary services across all borders, through standing firm against national vindictiveness, hysteria, and pride of power, and through keeping faith strong that God's will can yet be done on earth. We are disciples of a Lord who was crucified and yet triumphant. We move in a tradition of men who have stood

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It has been made available as a pamphlet for those who find it useful. It may be helpful not only to new members but also to others who desire a brief exposition of the general characteristics of Protestantism. The views expressed are those of the author and are not necessarily to be construed as the positions of the Federal Council or of any one of its constituent churches.

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Executive Committee Asks Prayers for U. N.

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council, on September 21 urged the churches to offer prayers of intercession throughout the course of the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris. Text of the Statement follows: Meeting on this opening day of the General Assembly of the United Nations, we pray to Almighty God, ruler of men and of nations, that He may chasten and inspire the hearts of the delegates and of the peoples they represent, so that this important international body may see beyond the clashing interests of men to their common needs, and may recommend wise courses of cooperative action for the general welfare. We urge our churches to offer prayers of intercession throughout the course of the General Assembly, and especially on World Order Day, Sunday, October 24, the anniversary of the day on which the Charter of the United Nations became the law of nations.

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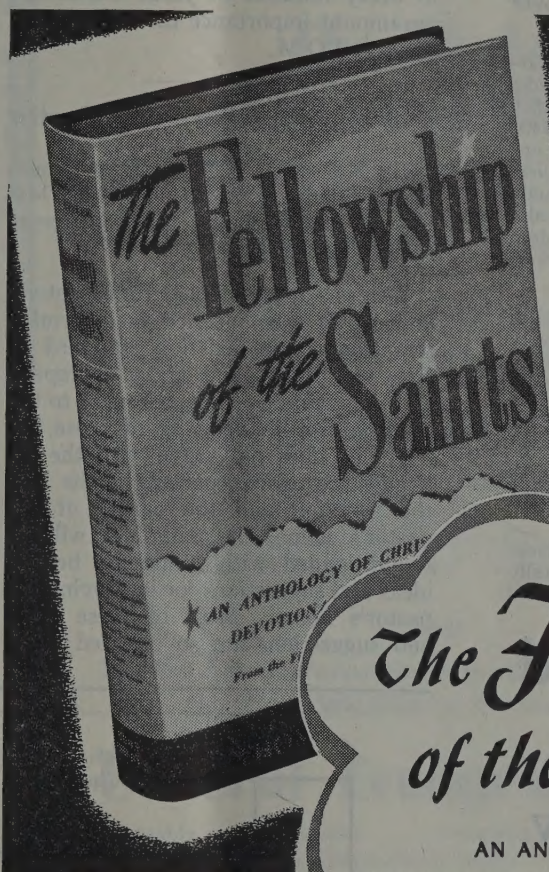
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Most rural churches can greatly enhance the appeal of their field of service by paying strict attention to the ideas, suggestions and information herein presented. The majority of ministers are keenly aware of social status and cherish the opportunity of being challenged by their congregation to measure up to the status set forth in a "Standard A" equipment for a rural parsonage. (see page 104.)

If the board of trustees in every rural church and the parsonage committee of every women's society were to give this pamphlet careful study, I believe a big step would soon be taken toward a solution of the shortage of rural ministers. —Don F. Pielstick

The Christian Outlook

By KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE, Harper Brothers, 1948, \$2.50

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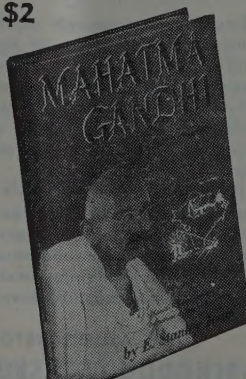


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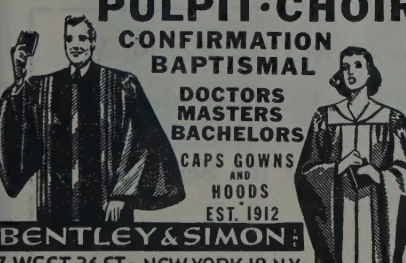
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N. Y., Richard R. Smith, 1948, \$4.50,
511 pp.

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The selections are not all from Christian sources, though of course the majority of them are. A particular attempt has been made to select from the writings of psychologists which appear to have a bearing upon the "religious way," notably from Fritz Kunkel and Carl Jung. The religious approach of the volume appears to be closer to that of Fritz Kunkel than to any other well known writer.

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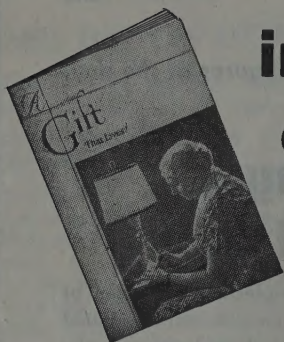
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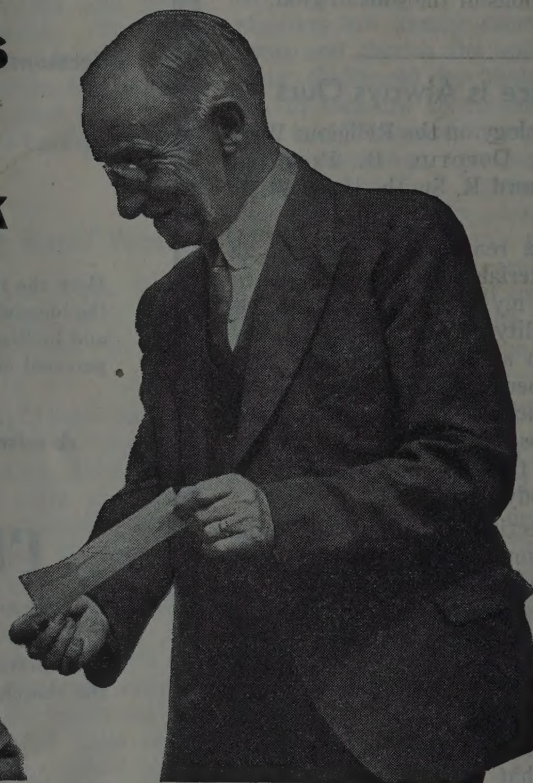
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